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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLUMBIA HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY.

*41st meeting.*

*November 6, 1899.*

Samuel C. Busey, M.D., presented a communication entitled, "The Centennial of the Permanent Seat of the Government of the United States," which at his request was read by the Secretary. It was discussed by Messrs. Morris, Cutts, Wight, Taggart; Wolf, Spofford, Bryan and Kasson. Upon motion of Mr. Spofford, the chair was authorized to appoint a committee of five, with the President of the Society for chairman, to prepare a statement of the historical facts connected with the removal of the Seat of Government to this District and to report at the next meeting. The Chair appointed Messrs. Spofford, Morris, Taggart, Weller and Bryan. Miss Minnie Mickley, of Philadelphia, exhibited a gavel made of wood from the Treaty Elm, The Ranger (Capt. John Paul Jones' first ship), Charter Oak, Fort Duquesne, Wm. Penn's house, Jefferson's house, Independence Hall, Wm. Penn's malt-house, Witness Tree, John Jacob Mickley's house, Carpenters' Hall, Merion meeting-house and the ramparts of Valley Forge.

*42d meeting.*

*December 4, 1899.*

President Kasson announced that the Society proposed to make as full a list as possible of persons residing in the District of Columbia in 1800, whose descendants are still living within those limits, and requested that all such information be sent to the Secretary. Mr. W. B. Bryan exhibited a map showing the buildings standing in Washington, May 15, 1800; and stated that it had been prepared from a tabular statement made by Mr. Thomas Munro, clerk to the City Commissioners and appended to a memorial from them on the affairs of the city which was sent to Congress by President Jefferson, January 11, 1802. Address discussed by Messrs. Davis and Weller. Mr. Spofford read the report of the committee appointed at the last meeting. Mr. Justice Hagner exhibited a colored print of Washington and Georgetown, made in London in 1802.

SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING.

*43d meeting.*

*January 8, 1900.*

Mr. A. P. C. Griffin read a communication on "Issues of the District of Columbia Press in 1800-'01-'02." Discussed by Mr. Bryan. Mr. Henry Litchfield West read a communication on "Journalism in the District of Columbia in 1800." Discussed by Messrs. Cutts, Hagner, Sunderland, J. Henley Smith and W. B. Bryan. Reports of Officers and Annual Elections.

*44th meeting.*

*February 5, 1900.*

Dr. William Tindall read a communication on "The Origin of the Parking System of this City." Discussed by Messrs. Willard and Weller. Mr. J. Henley Smith read "Some Old Family Letters." Discussed by Miss Johnston and Messrs. Cutts, Kasson, Hagner, and Looker. A communication having been received from the chairman of the Flag Committee, Illinois Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, on motion of Mr. J. Ormond Wilson, the Chair appointed Messrs. Hagner, Looker, Webster, Miss Johnston and Mrs. Beall a committee to take such action as should place the Columbia Historical Society on record as favoring the necessary legislation for the protection of our flag from profanation and misuse.

*45th meeting.*

*March 5, 1900.*

At the request of the chairman of the Flag Committee, the Secretary read the proposed *memorial*, which was heartily endorsed by the members and guests present. Dr. Marcus Baker presented an unwritten communication on "Early City Roads." Discussed by Messrs. Weller, Bryan, Davis and Hagner. Mr. Charles Moore read a communication on "Augustus Brevoort Woodward—A Citizen of Two Cities." Discussed by Messrs. Spofford, Weller and Hagner.

*46th meeting.*

*April 2, 1900.*

Mr. Glenn Brown read a communication on "The Capitol Building as it Appeared in 1800." The second paper of the evening was by Mr. W. V. Cox and dealt with Gen. Jubal

Early's raid, describing the battle of Fort Stevens at Brightwood. It was the only battle of the Civil War within the limits of the District and the only instance in the history of the United States when its President was under fire. Both papers were handsomely illustrated by lantern slides, a novel feature in the meetings of this Society.

*47th meeting.*

*May 7, 1900.*

Mr. Appleton P. Clark, Jr., read a communication on "Origin of the Building Regulations." Mrs. Harriet Riddle Davis read a sketch entitled "An Unpublished Incident in Relation to the Assassination of President Lincoln." Both papers were briefly discussed by Mr. Kasson, who gave in connection with the latter his personal experience with one of the conspirators on the fateful night.

*48th meeting.*

*November 12, 1900.*

Mr. John Ball Osborne read a communication on "The First President's Interest in Washington, as Told by Himself." Discussed by Messrs. Weller and Cutts. The second paper of the evening was by Mr. Madison Davis, was read at his request by the Secretary and was entitled, "The Navy Yard Section During the Life of the Rev. Mr. Ryland." Discussed by Mr. Bryan, Mrs. Simon Newcomb and Mrs. Beall.

*49th meeting.*

*December 4, 1900.*

Mr. Henry B. Looker read two letters from Thomas Jefferson to Charles Thomson. Mr. Rhees stated that the "little book" described by Jefferson in one of these letters and made by him by "cutting all the words of Jesus from the Bible and pasting them in order in a blank book," is now in the Smithsonian Library. It was called by Jefferson "The Philosophy of Jesus." Mr. George Alfred Townsend read a communication on "Thomas Law, Washington's First Rich Man." Discussed by Messrs. Spofford and Weller. Mr. Kasson read a letter stating that a manuscript copy of the census of the District for 1800 is in the Interior Department and accessible to students.

All of the above meetings were held in the Banquet Hall of the Shoreham.